

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter.

1-73. (Canceled)

74. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

responsive to a digital home communication terminal (DHCT) experiencing a reboot condition, determining if at least one video-on-demand (VOD) rental has been purchased and has not expired;

responsive to determining that at least one VOD rental has been purchased and has not expired, determining whether a previously established VOD session for a first VOD presentation is still active;

responsive to determining that the previously established VOD session for the first VOD presentation is still active, providing a VOD current rental screen that includes a selectable option to view the first VOD presentation, the VOD current rental screen having a VOD title of the first VOD presentation, information on the length of time remaining on the VOD title, and information on the rental time duration remaining for viewing the VOD title;

responsive to determining that the at least one VOD rental has been purchased and has not expired and responsive to determining that the previously established VOD session for the first VOD presentation is no longer active, establishing another active VOD session for the first VOD presentation and providing the VOD current rental screen; and

responsive to determining that at least one VOD rental has not been purchased or that previously-purchased VOD rentals have ~~has~~ expired, providing a list of selectable VOD titles.

75. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74, further comprising:

receiving a user input configured to select the selectable option to view the first VOD presentation; and

responsive to receiving the user input, providing the first VOD presentation to a user.

76. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74, wherein if establishing another active VOD session fails, retrying to establish another active VOD session for the first VOD presentation at various time intervals.

77. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74, further comprising:
determining whether multiple VOD rentals have been purchased and have not expired;
and
setting up a session for a most recently viewed VOD rental.

78. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74, further comprising:
receiving a first user input configured to select a VOD title from the list of selectable VOD titles; and
responsive to receiving the first user input, providing a selectable option for renting a second VOD presentation corresponding to the VOD title selected from the list of selectable VOD titles.

79. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 78, further comprising:
receiving a second user input configured to select the selectable option for renting the second VOD presentation.

80. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 79, further comprising:
responsive to receiving the second user input, determining whether the second VOD presentation is blocked.

81. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 80, further comprising:
responsive to determining that the second VOD presentation is blocked, prompting a user to provide a third user input identifying a first access code for unblocking the second VOD presentation.

82. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 81, further comprising:

receiving the third user input identifying the first access code.

83. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 82, further comprising:
responsive to receiving the third user input identifying the first access code, prompting the user to provide a fourth user input identifying a second access code.

84. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, further comprising:
providing the user with the second VOD presentation responsive to receiving the fourth user input.

85. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 84, wherein the third user input and the fourth user input are each provided via a plurality of key-strokes.

86. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 84, wherein the first and second access codes each includes a plurality of characters.

87. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 84, wherein the third user input enables the second VOD presentation to be unblocked.

88. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 84, wherein the fourth user input enables the second VOD presentation to be rented.

89. (Currently Amended) A digital home communication terminal (DHCT) comprising:

memory; and

program code stored in said memory, wherein, when the DHCT experiences a reboot condition, the program code is configured to enable the DHCT to:

determine if at least one video-on-demand (VOD) rental has been purchased and has not expired,

responsive to determining that at least one VOD rental has been purchased and has not expired, determine whether a previously established VOD session for a first VOD presentation is still active,

responsive to determining that the previously established VOD session for the first VOD presentation is still active, provide a VOD current rental screen that includes a selectable option to view the first VOD presentation, the VOD current rental screen having a VOD title of the first VOD presentation, information on the length of time remaining on the VOD title, and information on the rental time duration remaining for viewing the VOD title,

responsive to determining that the at least one VOD rental has been purchased and has not expired and responsive to determining that the previously established VOD session for the first VOD presentation is no longer active, establish another active VOD session for the first VOD presentation and provide the VOD current rental screen, and

responsive to determining that at least one VOD rental has not been purchased or that previously-purchased VOD rentals have ~~has~~ expired, provide a list of selectable VOD titles.

90. (Previously Presented) The DHCT of claim 89, wherein the program code is further configured to provide the first VOD presentation responsive to user input selecting the selectable option to view the first VOD presentation.

91. (Previously Presented) The DHCT of claim 89, wherein the program code is further configured to retry establishing another active VOD session at various time intervals if a previous attempt to establish another active VOD session fails.

92. (Previously Presented) The DHCT of claim 89, wherein the program code is further configured to determine whether multiple VOD rentals have been purchased and have not expired and set up a session for a most recently viewed VOD rental.

93. (Previously Presented) The DHCT of claim 89, wherein the program code is further configured to provide a second VOD presentation identified in the list of selectable VOD titles responsive to receiving a first user input selecting the second VOD presentation, a second user input identifying a first access code, and a third user input identifying a second access code.

94. (Previously Presented) The DHCT of claim 93, wherein the first access code enables the second VOD presentation to be unblocked.

95. (Previously Presented) The DHCT of claim 93, wherein the second access code enables the second VOD presentation to be rented.